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Study Report on the Welfare of Women

2689. SHRIMAT BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the centenary year of women welfare, the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administraiton has conducted a study report;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether the Government have examined the recommendations made in the study report;

(d) whether the Government propose to give any new package for women's welfare; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFARS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (MS. MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The National Institute of Educational Planning and Adminsitration, New Delhi has brought out a Study Report titled "Women & Development" during 1990.

The Report is based on district level data and covers various aspects of the levels of well being of women such as education, demography, nuptiality, fertility, economic activities, etc. The main findings of the Report are :

(i) that though the country has made significant progress in various spheres of women's development, there is still a great deal to be done.

(ii) that various spheres of women's development are inter related in a system of inter dependency.

(iii) that there are 144 districts which may be referred to as backward with respect to social well being of women.

(iv) that out of these 144 districts as many as 122 are in the 5 States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(v) that the backward districts should get priority in planning for women's development.

(vi) that area specific integrated approaches for women's development are required.

(c) to (e). The report is being made use of in selecting the priority areas to be covered under the Government's existing programmes as well as under its new initiatives for development of women, such as integrated programmes for development of women and establishment of a National Credit Fund for women.

Implementation of India Population Project in Karnataka

2690. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided India population Project is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names of districts included in the Project;

(c) whether the Government of Karna-

taka has modified the approved project and included the South Canara district in the Project;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to this modification; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) The districts included in the Project are Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur, Bijapur, Dharwar and Belgaum.

(c) to (e). The Government of Karnataka had recommended the inclusion of the South Canara district in a supplementary proposal for extension of the India Population Project to New Districts. The supplementary proposal could however not be implemented because of resource constraints.

Killing of Elephants in Kerala

2691. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of mass-scale deforestation and killings of wild animals especially elephants in 'Parambikulam Sanctuary' of Kerala State; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect this Sanctuary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No large scale deforestration or poaching in 'Parambikulam Sanctuary' has been reported. However, one case of killing of an elephant is reported to have taken place in 1990 inside the sanctuary but no case of illicit killing of elephants inside the sanctuary has been reported in 1991.

(b) Regular patrolling of the sanctuary by wildlife staff is done to safeguard against illegal killing or deforestration in Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary. Government of India has provided central assistance to the State Government to strengthen the anti-poaching infrastructure like jeep, fire arms and construction of forest gaurd chowkies.

New Ayurvedic Hospitals in Kerala

2692. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals and Ayurvedic Educational Institutions run by the Union/State Government and Private concerns in Kerala;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to establish new Ayurvedic Hospitals and Ayurvedic Educational Institutions in Kerala during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per information received from Government of Kerala there are 110 Government Ayurvedic Hospitals, 3 Government Ayurvedic Colleges and 2 Ayurvedic Colleges in Private Sector. The number of Ayurvedic Hospitals run by Private Concern is not known.

(b) and (c). Medical aid and establishment of Ayurvedic Colleges are basically state subjects. Presently, there is no proposal to establish new Ayurvedic Hospitals